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TUESDAY, DEC. 12, 1893.

THE COLLECTORSHIP.

The announcement of the removal of Collector Smith attracted only a languid degree of interest yesterday, much less attention being paid to it than would have been the case under different circumstances. The reality of the removal seems to have been generally anticipated, and so far as we can learn the principal dissatisfaction has been expressed in the columns of the Commercial and within the circle of its political sympathizers. Their criticism of the action of the Treasury Department for authorizing a statement of the cause of removal, is greatly impaired by the trade of denunciation and threat poured upon Senator Hale and their impeachment of the motives of the President. Certainly amid all this violent assault, which has been made upon the President on behalf of Collector Smith during the past year or more, he has had very little cause to complain of any lack of consideration shown to himself, even under the most aggravated circumstances, and it does not appear that he has any one to blame for his removal.

If the Department had not stated the reason at once it would have been required to do so in reply to such challenges of action as that of the Commercial, which denounces the intention of removing an official who, it says, "has certainly administered the duties of his office more efficiently and satisfactorily than they have been administered by any of his predecessors for a long time." If the Department has arrived at a different conclusion, it could not well avoid saying so in answer to such a claim. And the Portland Argus is equally prompt and emphatic in demanding reasons as follows: "And while the Republican leaders, President and Congressmen, are making so much fine talk about reform, the Chief Executive is removing faithful and efficient officers without good cause. The latest case is that of the Collector of Bangor, who was removed Saturday afternoon."

We assume that of course the Department will be ready to answer such demands as they may be made in any authoritative form. The only specific statement that we have yet seen is the following, copied in last night's Commercial from the Boston Sunday Herald:

It is said that some time ago charges were filed at the Treasury Department affecting Collector Smith's conduct; that they were investigated by a special agent of the Treasury Department; that he reported them well founded and recommended the removal of Collector Smith. In "Webb's" special from Washington, Sunday night, to the Boston Journal, the following reference is made to the subject:

After careful inquiry in the Maine delegation it is learned that there will be no opposition made to the appointment of either Fuller, nominated as Surveyor of Portland, or Governor Davis to be Collector at Bangor. It has not yet been ascertained whether Smith (the displaced Bangor Collector) intends to make a contest, or resign. The opinion here is that he will not, as he has not the support at the White House that he had when President Hayes appointed him without the least objection from any member of the delegation. Certainly Smith seems to have no political lodgings here among the members of the delegation, Governor Davis will doubtless be confirmed at the first meeting.

The appointment of ex-Governor Davis is in all respects an excellent one. A gentleman of highest character and eminent ability, he enjoys the local respect and esteem of the people, not only of our country and section, but of the State at large, and as a former Governor of our Commonwealth he will dignify and honor the leading United States office in Eastern Maine.

SHOWING THEIR HANDS.

The Tribune's Washington special says in reference to Pendleton's Civil Service Reform bill: "One result of the recent elections has been to weaken the enthusiasm of some of the Democratic supporters of the measure. They think there is a greatly improved prospect of a Democratic victory at the next Presidential election and do not want to be hampered in the discharge of their prospective duty of discharging Republican office-holders by any regulations respecting the qualifications of their successors. Senator Voorhees gave voice indirectly to the sentiment to-day in his speech upon the bill. He referred to Senator Hoar's remarks of yesterday and said: 'Thomas Jefferson believed it the privilege of a President elected to power by the people to discharge those whom the people had condemned and appoint those who would uphold his hands. By saying that the best reform he could think of consisted in having frequent changes and filling up anew of the Executive offices.'"

NO TARIFF FOR REVENUE ONLY.

(From the Cincinnati Gazette, Dec. 10.) The tariff-for-revenue-only reformers cite the British tariff as a model; yet in their attempts at decry they propose to make free those articles from which Great Britain collects her chief duties. In 1870 she collected from imports \$20,446,994, of which from tobacco she got \$5,588,681; tea, coffee, oil and cocoa, \$4,402,665; spirits, \$5,337,500; wine, \$509,234; and from malt, plate, playing cards and some warehouse charges, \$48,200. This is her tariff for revenue only. Her main resource is internal taxes. From these she got net revenue as follows: From excise on malt and spirits, \$27,380,021; stamps on deeds, wills, etc., \$10,621,321; land and income taxes, \$11,648,143; total internal revenue, \$49,350,632; gross internal revenue, \$29,374,900. Now when this class of reformers have thrown off all the internal revenue and dare not lay a duty on tea and coffee, how are they going to have anything like the British tariff, and how any sort of tariff for revenue only.

MR. BLAINE'S FOREIGN POLICY.

(From the Philadelphia Press (Rep.)) Those who laughed at Blaine's vigorous foreign policy will hardly appreciate the account of a foreign correspondent, who writes that on the recent case of Central America an Englishman is held in much greater respect than a citizen of the United States, because the people and the authorities think that a British man-of-war would bombard a one-starred barber shop on a plea of assault and battery, if an Englishman's hair were not cut to please him.

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